Lending forum planned

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

For many farmers this year's drought and inflation are causing severe economic burdens. There are some lending programs available to you that may help you ride out this problem.

More specifically a Farm Credit Forum will be held October 2, 8:00 P.M., Appomattox County High School Auditorium.

Producers, lenders and farm related businesses are invited to attend.

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Some have asked about the value of wood ashes on gardens. A recent sample sent from this office showed the pH at 9.9, phosphorum medium, potassium very high, calcium very high and magnesium very high.

Some years ago I recall a tobacco plant bed near a home where a considerable amount of wood ash was produced and disposed of on the plant bed. The potassium salt build-up became so high that a significant number of plants were lost.

This is simply to say, use the ash, but distribute it over the garden area preferably where transplants or small seed will not be used.

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In the barley yield contest held this year a Lancaster County farmer harvested 103 bushels per acre using Keowee variety.

Second, third and fourth places also came from Lancaster County; 2nd place produced 92 bushels per acre using Keowee, 3rd place 86 bushels with Rapidan and 4th place 83 bushels with Barsoy.

Keowee barley is a release out of South Carolina, but has not been grown widely in Virginia. It may lack winter hardiness for this part of the state.

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If you have an interest in the production of alcohol fuel, a conference is scheduled at the Donaldson Brown Center, VPI & SU, October 28 and 29.

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The Virginia Grape Production Short Course will be at the Sheraton Inn, Charlottesville, October 30 - 31.

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Soybean oil as a diesel fuel has been suggested as an alternate fuel. This product is being evaluated by Virginia Tech researchers. Diesel engines will start and operate on soybean oil, but problems associated with continued use are being studied.

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The use of high-tensile wire, long used in Australia and New Zealand, is now getting a lot of attention in this country.

There will be a demonstration of this new material and technique on the John and Phil Harrison Farm, October 17, at 10:00 A.M.

A new 75 page reference book on "How to Build Fences with Max-Ten 200 High Tensile Wire."

Cost is $5.00 plus $2.00 postage.

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We know that notices have been sent those who hold a private applicators license indicating that they must be renewed before December 31, 1981. You should receive a letter this week advising of date, place and time for re-certification.

If you did not receive a letter, call and ask for this information.

PRECIPITATION

LAST WEEK	1.43
THIS MONTH	2.01
THIS YEAR	23.32

Discipline program planned

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

What is discipline for young children

An educational program offered by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. The program is about discipline for young children two to six years old.

The program contains six lessons on discipline;

1. A look at discipline - What kind of adult will your child be? Your discipline methods do make a difference!
2. Discipline and punishment-What is the difference? Some helpful guidelines.
3. Why children misbehave - Find out why your child "acts up."
4. To prevent misbehavior - Have a more peaceful home. Learn ways to stop misbehavior before it starts.
5. Responses to misbehavior - Four ways to deal with misbehavior.
6. More responses to misbehavior - Learn about "time-outs" and Consequences."

Why learn about discipline - Parents and persons who work with young children have many questions about how to discipline children. This program helps them find their own answers to their unique situations.

Who can participate? - Anyone who wants to learn more about how to discipline young children-mothers, fathers, babysitters, daycare personnel, family home providers, Nursery school teachers, church school teachers.

Classes will be offered at Memorial United Methodist Church Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1980. Babysitters will be provided. Appomattox Primary School Thursday - 7:30 p.m. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 1980 Babysitters will be provided.

Special speakers will be : Dr. Tom Albertson, Dr. and Mrs. Ken Powell

This course is free. All materials will be provided at no charge. If you have questions, call the Appomattox Extension Office at 352-8244.

This parenting program is being sponsored by the Appomattox County Extension Office. Virginia Cooperative Extension Service programs, activities and employment opportunities are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap or political affiliation.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, please call 352-8244 or write P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Have a good week!

Recipe of the week

Zucchini Casserole

1 - 2 medium to large squash-sliced
1 - 2 medium sized diced onion
About ¼lb. medium or sharp cheddar cheese - cubed
1 - 8 oz. can tomato sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon flour (more if want thicker)
Salt, pepper, butter

Grease casserole dish with margarine. Layer zucchini overlapping onion, tomato sauce, cheese, salt, pepper, sugar and flor (springle). Repeat layers. Dot top with butter. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour. Serve hot.

For freezing: Bake at 350° F. (if thawed) or longer Cool, cover and freeze. To serve, heat 15 minutes at 375° F. (if thawed) or longer as needed if frozen or partially thawed.

Thanks to Jeanne Clabough for sharing this delicious casserole with us.

Good news for homemakers

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Rec meet set

On October 2, (Thursday night) at 7:30 p.m. there will be a meeting in the Appomattox Town Office for citizens who are interested in recreational facilities for our children, youth, and adults in the town of Appomattox and in the county.

For further information please contact Bill Britton at 352-8268 or Peggy Lawson at 352-8090.

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Joshua and the reaffirmation

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
JOSHUA AND THE PEOPLE'S COVENANT
Lesson for September 28, 1980
Scripture References: Joshua 24:1-31; Judges 2
Focal Passage: Joshua 24: 14-25
A renewal of commitment

It is a magnificant moment when people come together to form a covenant or to renew their commitments. One of the moving moments in my parish ministry happens when I conduct a marriage renewal ceremony for couples to wish to reaffirm their commitments. This week we look at Joshua and his leadership in moving the Hebrew people to reaffirm their commitment to the God of Israel.

Joshua sought to challenge the people to reaffirm their loyalty to God by recalling the many mighty acts of the Lord on their behalf. In previous generations the Lord had worked in strange and mysterious ways to bring his people to the promised land. And though many years went by before the people actually possessed the land, God still kept his promise and delivered the people under the leadership of Abraham, Moses, and Joshua.

In moving sweeps Joshua recalls the great moments in Hebrew history when God acted on their behalf. He recalls the call of Abraham and the commissioning of Moses. Joshua ends his speech by calling attention to his own role in the divine drama of deliverance.

The amazing actions of God may mystify and provoke a sense of wonder in us. In his great wisdom, God is able to weave the threads of our life into a meaningful whole. He helps us to discover the pieces of the puzzle which will give us a feeling of completeness. In his own way and time, God can help us discover the path to what is good and true for our lives.

The choice of commitment (Josh. 24:14-25)

Joshua was obvisously a good leader. He did not lead the people down roads he himself was not willing to follow, that is, he and his family had already made their personal commitment to the Lord. Joshua knew that the people would not follow him if he did not appear firm in his commitment. And that is something worth remembering, namely, if we wish to get someone to make a commitment to a certain cause or belief, we must first of all demonstrate our own personal conviction. I would not want to commit myself to a project with someone who was not committed to see it through.

Joshua impressed upon the people that there was no alternative to serving the God of Israel. They were to "thro off" all foreign gods and embrace the Lord of Israel as their only God. The people declared their loyalty and said yes to the God of Israel, Joshua, however, was firm with the people and urged them to carry out their commitment in actions.

It is true that actions speak louder than words. Personal professions are good and necessary, but words may become empty and hollow unless backed up with concrete deeds. The Apostle Paul declared that without love we are a clanging cymbal or a noisy gong!

Joshua sent out some warning signals concerning the people's verbal commitment. Joshua was only too aware that the people had historically gone back on their word to God. He warned that to go against the renewed covenant would only bring down the anger of God.

OFFICERS FOR THE APPOMATTOX Unit Board of the American Cancer Society were elected at a recent board meeting. Shown in the above photo are Dr. Larry Smith, a new board member; Claudia Gordon, new president; Murrell Ferguson, vice president; and Dr. Kenneth Powell, new board member. Missing from this picture are Mary Alma Hudson, treasurer; and Mary Lou Harrison, secretary. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

The Bible and Daily Living

There is something to be said for Joshua's approach to the people. Quite often we tend to make the path of faith and commitment too cheap or too easy. Jesus never said that life particularly the Christian life would be a "Primrose Lane" experience. The way of faith is paved with ups and downs and critical demands. The Christian way of life is one that calls for radical commitment to loving God and loving neighbor in both word and action.

Faith by definition costs something. To make a commitment to God and to his church does not imply membership in a club for social status. It emphatically implies that we are to become pilgrims on a journey of ministry in love. A covenant between a person and his/her God binds them to one another with no strings attached.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham City Hospital in Champaign, Ill.

Teachers' association meets

A committee was formed to investigate the issue of "lesson plans" for county public school students at last week's meeting of the Appomattox County Education Association.

Patsy Stainback, who suggested the committee be formed, was elected chairman of the group. Other committee members named include Harold Brizindine, Janet Morgan, Jean Mills, Bonnie Hernecall, and Bob Stainback.

In another matter, Lauri Harwood, chairman of the Railroad Festival Booth, assigned schools to serve the ACEA'S booth during the festival.

At the booth parents will be asked to sign a list from each school they have a child attending. The school with the highest percentage of signatures will win a book for their library.

Stainback made a motion at $15 be spent on the book and the school's librarian will make the selection.

In other business, the teachers heard reports on a survey regarding the amount of time teachers spend on school work outside of school.

The teachers also were asked to turn in all material for the Education Association's newsletter to Patsy Stainback by the third Wednesday of each month in order to meet the publication printing deadline.

A report was reviewed regarding the Association's membership. The break down is as follows: ACHS - 28 members; ACMS - 15 members; ACES - 39 members; ACPS - 15 members; Pamplin - 8 members; Lifelong - one member; retired - one member; transporataion - one member; total membership - 108.

Mrs. Harris retires

Last Friday, the staff and patients at Holly Manor Nursing Home, Farmville, honored Mrs. Anne Louise Harris, Director of Nursing Services, with a reception. Mrs. Harris retired after four and one-half years at Holly Manor. She is a resident of Gladstone.

Presentations were made by the Director, Earl B. Lee, Dr. Charles Scott, Medical Director, Miss Jessie Bruce, and Mrs. Mary Papp. All patients and staff members attended.

Prior to joining the staff at Holly Manor in 1976, Mrs. Harris was Nurse Administrator at Opengate, Inc., a residentail facility for the care and rehabilitation of epileptics in Somers, N. Y. She also worked in supervisory nursing at Silver Hill, a private psychiatric hospital in New Canaan, Conn., and at Four Winds, a private facility in Cross River, N. Y.

Mrs. Harris completed her nurse's training at the St. Camillus School of Nursing, Kalamazoo, Mich., and attended Nazareth College, the parent school. She augmented her education at Columbia University in Psychiatric Nursing Care; and at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

After her retirement, Mrs. Harris will be at home in Gladstone, and will be available for consultation on nursing matters.

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The Pastor Speaks

A perspective on sight

By CLARENCE H. DAVIS, Pastor New Hope Baptist Church

The Gospel according to Mark gives an account of a blind man being brought to Jesus to be healed so that he might be able to see. Jesus took the man out of the village of Bethsaida. He used His own spittle for the healing ointment for the man's eyes. Jesus asked the man if he could see, and the man replied, "I see men as trees walking around." (Mark 8:24)

So often we look at men through a blurred spiritual vision and see them as "trees." When we look at people this way, we may begin to regard them in one of the following three ways:

First, we see people as **untouchables**. They may be of another race, religion, or political persuasion. Whatever the reason, we do not feel that these people need our friendship, compassion, or touch.

Second, we see certain people as **unworthy**. They may be an alcoholic, drug addict, prostitute, child abuser, or other type of social outcast. We do not believe that these people are worthy of our love, concern, or time.

Third, we see certain people as **unloveable**. They may be of a different social level, or somebody who is always disagreeable, or their lifestyle may be different from ours.

When a certain lawyer asked Jesus what the great commandment was, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love thy neighbor as thyself." (Mark 12:30-31) We can do no less. Let us not be guilty of seeing men as trees.

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